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SUBJ: COMMUNIQUE RE RUMOR-KISSINGER MEETING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE ON KISSINGER TALKS RELEASED AT ABOUT 2100 HOURS TODAY BY THE OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER RUMOR: THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, MARIANO RUMOR, RECEIVED AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER THIS AFTERNOON IN HIS OFFICE AT THE PALAZZO CHIGI. DR. KISSINGER IS CURRENTLY IN ROME ON A WORKING VISIT.

DURING THE TALKS, WHICH LASTED MORE THAN AN HOUR AND WHICH TOOK PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF CORDIALITY AND FRIENDSHIP, VIEWS WERE EXCHANGED ON BILATERAL RELATIONS AND ON THE PRINCIPAL THEMES OF THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION OF COMMON INTEREST TO THE TWO COUNTRIES. IN PARTICULAR, EUROPEAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS WERE DISCUSSED, IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION RECENTLY SIGNED IN BRUSSELS. SATISFACTORION WAS EXPRESSED WITH THE DECLARATION. MOREOVER, IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT EUROPE AND AMERICA HAVE A GREAT INTEREST ON REINFORCING

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THEIR TIES OF COLLABORATION TOWARD THE GOALS OF PEACE, STABILITY,

COMMON PROGRESS AND THE CONSOLIDATION OF DETENTE IN THE WORLD. THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSTRUCTING A UNITED EUROPE WAS EMPHASIZED IN RELATION TO THESE ISSUES.

EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PROCESS OF DETENTE, ESPECIALLY REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS NOW IN PROGRESS, WERE EXAMINED, AS WAS PRESIDENT NIXON'S TRIP TO THE SOVIET UNION, THE RESULTS OF WHICH WERE FULLY DISCUSSED BY DR. KISSINGER.

FINALLY, THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND ON THE PROSPECTS FOR THE REOPENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AFTER THE POSITIVE RESULTS THUS FAR OBTAINED.

PRESENT AT THEE CONFERENCE, ON THE ITALIAN SIDE, WERE THE AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON, EGIDIO ORTONA, AND THE DIPLOMATIC ADVISER TO THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER PETRIGNANI. FOR THE UNITED STATES, PRESENT WERE THE AMBASSADOR TO ROME JOHN VOLPE, STATE DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR HELMUT SONNENFELD AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS ARTHUR HARTMAN. KISSINGER

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